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AMCONSUL KARACHI

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DEPT FOR A/SY/OPS/FO AND A/OC, NEW DELHI FOR SOT, KARACHI FOR
RCO, PSO, GSO AND RSS

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SUBJECT: VAULT REQUIREMENT FOR RCO

1. IN DECEMBER 1975 THE REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER AND HIS STAFF MOVED INTO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, KARACHI. IN APPROXIMATELY JUNE 1976, THE CRYPTO REPAIR FACILITY WAS ESTABLISHED AND THE POST IS NOW RECEIVING NUMBERS OF CRYPTO-GRAPHIC HARDWARE WHICH MUST BE REPAIRED AND TESTED. THIS OPERATION REQUIRES THAT THE EQUIPMENT BE STORED AT POST IN A VAULT AND THE PRESENT VAULT IS INADEQUATE TO STORE THIS MATERIAL.

2. THE RCO AND CRYPTO TECHNICIAN HAVE REQUESTED THAT A VAULT BE CONSTRUCTED AND THE RSO RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT APPROVAL.

3. THE POST HAS ALLOCATED TWO ROOMS, LOCATED ON THE THIRD (TOP) FLOOR, WHICH CONTAIN 486 SQUARE FEET. THE OUTSIDE WALL OF THESE ROOMS IS CONSTRUCTED OF EIGHT (8) INCH CONCRETE WITH HALF INCH DIAMETER STEEL REINFORCING RODS TWENTY (20) INCHES EACH WAY - EACH FACE. THE INSIDE WALL (HALLWAY) IS CON-
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STRUCTURED IN A SIMILAR MANNER. THE WALLS SEPARATING THE ROOMS FROM ADJACENT ROOMS IS CONSTRUCTED OF SIX (6) INCH CONCRETE BLOCK WALLS, WITHOUT REINFORCING. THE FLOOR IS CONSTRUCTED OF TWO AND ONE-HALF (2 1/2) INCH CONCRETE WITH FIVE EIGHTHS (5/8) REBAR ON TWELVE (12) INCH CENTERS PLUS ONE QUARTER (1/4) INCH REBAR ON EIGHT (8) INCH CENTERS, ABOVE THREE (3) BY EIGHT (8) INCH RIBBED CONCRETE SUPPORT

SECTIONS CONTAINING THREE QUARTER (3/4) INCH REBAR ON EIGHT (8) INCH CENTERS. THE CEILING IS CONSTRUCTED THE SAME AS THE FLOOR, WITH THE ADDITION OF THE EXTERIOR ROOFING OVERLAY OF FOAM INSULATION, FELT SHEET PAD AND COATING OF BITUMIN TAR AND GRAVEL CHIPS.

4. RESIDENT CB, ASSIGNED TO ISLAMABAD, SUGGESTS VAULT BE CONSTRUCTED BY USE OF STANDARD CONCRETE CORE BLOCK WITH FIVE-EIGHTS (5/8) INCH REBAR FIVE (5) INCHES HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL SOLID CORE FILL ON INSIDE OF PRESENT WALLS, TO INCLUDE OUTSIDE, HALLWAY AND WALLS SEPARATING ADJACENT ROOMS. CB ADVISES THAT PRESENT FLOOR AND CEILING CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR VAULT (A/SY PLEASE COMMENT).

5. A MOSLER CLASS 5 VAULT DOOR, WITH VIEWING DEVICE, RIGHT SWING, WITHOUT DAY GATE, AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$1696, PLUS SHIPMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED. THE VAULT DOOR WEIGHS 1,340 POUNDS.

6. LOCAL FBO CONTRACTOR ADVISED THAT CONSULATE GENERAL KARACHI BUILDING IS CONSTRUCTED TO U.S. STANDARDS AND WILL TAKE WEIGHT OF DOOR AND CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION.

7. FOR KARACHI: PLEASE OBTAIN ESTIMATE OF COST OF CONSTRUCTION AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 4. ALSO, IF POSSIBLE, DETERMINE WEIGHT OF CONSTRUCTION AND VERIFY, LOCALLY, THAT BUILDING CAN SUPPORT WEIGHT.

8. FOR DEPARTMENT: POST FEELS THAT OC SHOULD PROVIDE FUNDS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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